

Wednesday we went to Southville. We found the church here in a much scattered condition. Bro. Steele and family and Bro. Wagnus, with some others, hold the fort. They continue steadfast in "breaking bread," thus maintaining the order of the Lord's day worship. This fact is worthy honorable mention; as is too often the case when the preacher is gone the worship ceases. Although we remained two weeks in Southville we had but few meetings. The storms were so severe they prevented our willing feet. The few meetings we had were very encouraging. I am sure I never saw so great an effort on the part of the people to attend church. Some of the sisters walked three miles through a trackless woods, by the light of a lantern—a short cut from Woodville to Riverdale—and after meeting walked back home again. This is a veritable fact although stranger than fiction. I hope some of our good sisters who live a short distance from church, but fail to reach it, will make a note of this. Our last meeting at Woodville, Sunday evening, was the best one. At the close of the meeting we invited those who desired to come back to the church to stand up, and five responded. This caused much joy and a united prayer that our Father's blessing might crown them now and forever. We were anxious to continue the meetings, but the appointment at Brighton Monday evening prevented. The church in Southville is getting ready to build a meeting-house. They have the land secured, and a few hundred dollars subscribed. We are very anxious that they hasten the work. A suitable house and a preacher will insure them success. We predict a bright future for the cause of Christ in those localities. To neglect the fine opportunities now offered, would incur a shame—putting it mildly—that heaven could not mitigate. During our stay in Southville we visited Weymouth. But no place could be found for meetings.

At Brighton we secured the Hall for one evening only. The proprietor, Mr. Morehouse, was not quite willing we should occupy the Hall while the Methodist friends were holding meetings in the same locality. He thought it would interfere with their meetings. We think his reasons were good, and we appreciated his kindness in letting us have the Hall one evening, and that without any charge. He said we could have the Hall any length of time when it did not interfere with other meetings. The Hall was filled Monday evening. Better order and attention I never saw. I visited a number of families and was very much pleased with the people. Our abiding place was at Mr. Thomas Adams. Sister Adams is a member of Tiverton church. Their free and easy hospitality made me feel perfectly at home. I will ever remember their kindness. There are other places in Digby County we wanted to visit, but time would not permit, having already spent two weeks longer than we promised when we left home.

My observations during these labors in the country have impressed my heart with the great demand for labor. I think if I could transmit my feelings, in regard to this matter, to the hearts of all our brethren, there would certainly be a greater and more worthy effort made to supply this pressing demand for workers. Why is it that every heart is not touched and melted with this cry for help that is coming from every quarter. It is often said we need more money and more talent, &c. I fear this is said to hide our failures, for we have money enough and talent enough to multiply our successes a thousand times if we only had the hearts. We pride ourselves—and justly too—in having the grandest "plea" ever offered to man, and the best opportunities for its presentation, and yet for all this the "plea" is compelled to plod in the midst of plenty. The light of God's love will go out in our own hearts unless there is a greater consecration to God, and like the survivors of the flood, will

have to sit down on the utter ruins of former comforts. May the Lord revive us with a spirit of work and zeal worthy our high calling, that will lead us out into the highways and hedges, and cottages, and everywhere, to pray, and preach, and plan, and organize. Downright and upright, earnest, faithful workers, are the workers for God and humanity. God declares His eternal honors and the royal insignia of heaven. H. MURRAY.

OBITUARY.

Died at Lexington, Ky., on Sunday, 16th ult., Bro. Job. T. Journey, in the 29th year of his age.

A startling telegram reached us on the 15th, stating the extreme illness of our Bro., and preparing the way, in some measure, for another, more painful but less unexpected, announcing his death.

But a few days previous we received a letter from him, full of life, and health, and expectation, and so soon after, the sad, sad news of his painful and untimely death! While we sometimes feel the stroke too heavy to bear, we must not forget it is the Father's hand that wields the rod; and the closer we cling to that hand the lighter the stroke.

Though we mourn his early removal from a life of promised usefulness, we cannot regret his blissful transition from a world of care, and sorrow, and change, to one where he can rest face to face with his Redeemer and his God.

Our departed Bro. was born at Weymouth, Digby County, and was baptized on a confession of his faith in Christ, by Elder J. A. Gates, at Southville, in April, 1881. Soon after his confession of Christ, he became impressed with the importance of his Master's work, and decided to devote his time, his talents, his life, to proclaiming the way of life to others.

With all the enthusiasm of his nature he went into the work of preparation for the ministry; and to this end he entered Lexington University as a student in Sept., 1882. He had nearly completed his second year of study; and we were expecting soon to meet him again, enjoy his companionship, and hear from his lips the words of life and love. But alas! we shall see him no more till the day when graveyards shall give back the treasure we lent them, and we all meet before the throne of God.

Our Bro.'s great forte was determination. What he undertook *must be done*; and in *this* lies much of the secret of that success that the world ascribes to genius. Had he lived, we would predict for him a life of victories. But if his was not a *life of victories* to our feeble sight, his was, indeed, a *victorious death*.

Bro. Journey possessed a vigorous constitution; a pleasantness of manner towards all; and an open frankness that won him friends wherever he was known.

His illness was obstruction of the bowels, and lasted about twelve days.

He was buried in Lexington, away from kindred but not from friends.

He married in April, 1881, the youngest daughter of the writer, whom he leaves a widow to mourn the removal of an affectionate husband—a Christian companion. He also leaves an aged father, brothers and sisters, and numerous friends to lament their irreparable loss. Yours in the love of Christ,

STEPHEN STEELE.

Southville, Digby Co., N. S., March 24th, 1884.

FROM KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.

The following resolutions, passed by the students of the two colleges, will be thankfully received by the many friends and relatives of our late Brother Journey:

"At a meeting of a committee from the College

of Arts and Colloge of The Bible. it was resolved that—

"Whereas God in his all-wise providence has taken from our midst our beloved Bro. Journey, be it resolved,—

1. "That in his death we mourn the loss of a fellow student who faithfully and conscientiously discharged the duties devolving upon him.

2. "That in his death we mourn the loss of a Christian brother, whose daily walk among us, and whose patient and brave endurance throughout his severe affliction, proved the reality of his faith.

Be it further resolved,—

3. "That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and immediate friends.

Be it also resolved,—

4. "That we have this published in the *Christian Standard*, *O. P. Guide*, *A. C. Review*, *Apostolic Times*, and *THE CHRISTIAN*, and copies be sent to his relatives."

Committee,	{ J. W. ROGERS,	} College of Arts.
	{ J. D. CLARK,	
Committee,	{ M. STEVENSON,	} College of The Bible.
	{ G. Y. WALDEN,	
	{ W. F. SMITH,	

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A VERY interesting letter for *THE CHRISTIAN*, by Bro. R. W. Stevenson, will appear in our next issue.

CORRESPONDENTS should remember that *no article* will appear in the columns of *THE CHRISTIAN* unless the name of the author is known to the editor.

THE BREWERS of Ontario have petitioned the Government to have the Scott Act annulled so as to make an exception in favor of beer. How does this correspond with the oft repeated assertion: That "the introduction of the Scott Act increases the sale and consumption of the very articles it proposes to suppress.

UNDER CURRENT EVENTS will be seen a few words referring to the recent troubles in Cincinnati. Previous to the outburst, and while the indignation of the people was aroused by the injustice and insults that had been heaped upon them, the editor of the *Christian Standard* expressed in such fitting language the cause of the uprising, and believing that, to some extent, at least, it expresses the state of affairs nearer home, we give the following:

"Criminal trials have degenerated into such a contemptible farce, that the patience of virtuous people is tried to the last extreme. Such trifling with justice will not be borne much longer. Just now there is an outburst of indignation that fore-shadows alarming results. Unless the Pruden Law shall inspire confidence in a better administration of justice hereafter, it will be difficult to prevent public indignation and resentment from ripening into violence. Let us hope for such results from the effective operation of the Pruden Law as will avert popular indignation and restore to some extent, confidence in trial by jury.

AMONG our obituary notices is announced the death of Sister Sheppard, of Bowmanville, Ontario. It was during last summer that Bro. Sheppard, wife and daughter were travelling to recruit, if possible, the declining health of Sister Sheppard. On arriving at Summerside, P. E. I., she was so prostrated that it was absolutely necessary to discontinue for awhile their journey. During their stay of three or four weeks, the preaching of Bro. Sheppard, the Christian fortitude and patience of Sister Sheppard, and the faithful attention of the daughter to her mother's wants, left impressions not soon to be forgotten. On resuming their journey they tarried a couple of days in St. John, and spent some pleasant hours together. Bro. Sheppard's knowledge of the Scripture, and having personally tasted that the Lord is gracious, coupled with a rich Christian experience is enough to sustain him in the hour of trial. But still we feel like extending to him and his family our Christian sympathy in their sad bereavement.